High level of lead in School-Children of Delhi

696. PROF. VIJAY KUMAR MALHOTRA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a pilot study conducted by AIIMS has revealed presence of high level of lead in 64% school children in Delhi, tested for lead;

(b) if so, the details in this regard; and

(c) what effective steps have been taken or are proposed to be taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI DALIT EZHILMALAI): (a) and (b) A pilot study conducted by AIIMS on 200 shcool children has revealed presence of blood levels of lead (l0g/dl) in 64% of the children screened. However, no correlation was found between blood lead levels and clinical systoms. It is concluded that to diagnose lead toxicity, blood lead levels have to be estimated. The pilot study indicated the need to survey a large population size.

(e) Some of the steps taken by the Government to check lead pollution are:—

(1) Awareness programmes through advertisements.

(2) Introduction of lead free gasoling in motor vehicles.

(3) Obtaining PUC (Pollution Under Control) certificates by each vehicle owner has been made compulsory.

(4) Under the Motor Vehicles Act, -Government has made it compulsory to install catalytic convenors (Pollution Control Device) at the design and manufacturing stage of vehicles.

(5) Tax exemption is now given be industries for installation of Pollution Control Devices.

Centrally sponsored Health Care Schemes through NGOs

697. SHRI PRAFULL GORADIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the centrally sponsored Health Care Schemes being operated through NGOs in this country, especially in Gujarat; and

(b) the details of funds allocated and released to State Governments for these schemes and utilised by them during each of the last three years. State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI DALIT EZHILMALAI): (a) and (b) There is no Centrally Sponsored Health Care Scheme being through NGOs in the country including Gujarat. However, NGOs are being involved in implementation of some health programmes for central of Leprosy, TB., Blindness and AIDs etc.

अपोलो अस्पताल में गरीबों के लिए बिस्तरों की व्यवस्था

698. **श्री खान गुफरान जाहिदी**: क्या स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे किः

(क) क्या सरकार दिल्ली स्थित अपोलो अस्पताल में गरीबों के लिए बिस्तरों के आरक्षण पर विचार कर रही है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उनका प्रतिशत कितना है और अपोलो अस्पताक के अलावा कितए निजी अस्पतालों में गरीबों के लिए बिस्तर आरक्षण की व्यवस्था की गई है तथा तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है?

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्रालय के राज्यमंत्री (श्री दलित एजिमलाई)ः (क) और (ख) इन्द्रप्रस्थ मेडिकल कार्पोरेशन लिमि. के साथ हुए समझौते के अनुसार अपोलो अस्पताल दिल्ली सरकार की सिफारिश पर कुल पलंग क्षमता का एक तिहाई तक गरीब रोगियों की चिकित्सा परिचर्या के लिए निशुल्क उपलब्ध करायेगा और अपने बहिरिंघ रोगियों के 40% से अधिक रोगियों के लिए चिकित्सा सुविधाएं भी उपलब्ध करेगा । राष्ट्रीय राजधानी क्षेत्र दिल्ली सरकार ने सूचित किया है कि चार अस्पताल, नामतः गंगाराम अस्पताल, मूलचन्द अस्पताल, एस्कार्ट और बत्रा अस्पताल गरीब रोगियों को उपचार सुविधाएं दे रहे है ।

Checking of Adulterated Food in Delhi

699. SHRI CO. POULOSE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Department for pervention of Food Adulteration in Delhi is active in regular checking;

(b) whether Government are aware that more than 50 per cent of food and foodstuffs in Delhi are either adulterated or unhygienic; and

(c) if so, what steps Government propose to take against this menace?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI DALIT EZHILMALAI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As per the reports received from the Government of NCT of Delhi, the percentage of adulteration in food products during the years 1993 to 1997 has ranged between 9 to almost 21.

(c) Steps being taken by Government to curb adulteration and lack of hygiene include:

(i) continued sampling and quality control;

(ii) improving the monitoring mechanism by strengthening the capacity of the enforcement machinery. A proposal for Capacity Building of the Food sector with World Bank assistance is under formulation.

(iii) initiating legal action under PFA Act when instances of violation come to notice.

(iv) educating the consumers and the traders regarding the ill effects of adulteration, lack of hygiene etc. & measures/ facilities available to counter it.

बालक और बालिकाओं के जन्म और मृत्यु दर में असमानताएं

700. **श्रीमती सरोज दुबे**: क्या स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि देश में बालक और बालिकाओं के जन्म और मृत्यु दर में काफी असमानताएं पाई गई है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसके क्या कारण है;

(ग) नवम्बर, 1998 तल देश में बालक और बालिकाओं की अलग-अलग संख्या कितनी है; और

(घ) बालिकाओं की मृत्यु दर में हो रही बढ़ोतरी को रोकने के लिए सरकार द्वारा क्या कदम उठाए जा रहे हैं?

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्रालय के राज्यमंत्री (श्री दलित एजिमलाई): (क) और (ख) भारत के महापंजीयक कार्यालय द्वारा जन्म दर के लिंग –वार अनुमानों का संकलन नहीं किया जाता । भारत के महापंजीयक के नमूना पंजीयक पद्धति 1995 से उपलब्ध शिशु (0-14 वर्ष) मृत्यु दर बालकों के लिए 8.6 और बालिकाओं के लिए 9.5 है । अभी भी अनेक परिवारों में लड़कियों के प्रति पोषण, भोजन खिलाने और स्वास्थ्य परिचर्या के संबंध में भेदभाव किया जा रहा है और यह व्यवहार लड़कियों (0-14 वर्ष) की उच्चतर मृत्यु दर के लिए काफी हद तक जिम्मेदार माना जाता है ।

(ग) जनसंख्या अनुमान (प्रोजेक्शन) संबंधी तकनीकी ग्रुप द्वारा 1 मार्च, 1998 की स्थिति के अनुसार बच्चों (0-14 वर्ष) की अनुमनित (प्रोजेक्टिड) जनसंख्या इस प्रकार है:-

पुरूष:	182, (हजार में)
महिलाएं:	171,033 (हजार में)

(घ) बच्चों को लिंग का भेदभाव किए बिना स्वास्थ्य और रोग प्रतिरक्षक उपाय प्रदान किए जा रहे है ।

Financial Assistance for Hospital Projects

701. SHRI PRAFULL GORADIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of financial assistance provided by Government for hospital projects in the country during each of the last two years, State-wise;

(b) the terms and conditions of such allocation;

(c) whether the Central Government have received any request from the Government of Gujarat for financial assistance for such projects;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the action taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI DALIT EZHILMALAI): (a) and (b) 'Health' is a State subject under the Constitution. It is the responsibility of the